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Office Action Summary

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CLAGUE ET AL.

Examiner

Tu M. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. An Applicant's Amendment filed on November 20, 2006 has been entered. Claims 3-12 and 14-20 have been amended. Overall, claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office Action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Guinther et al. (U.S. Patent 6,821,932).

Re claims 1, 8, and 19, Guinther et al. disclose a fuel composition for two-stroke engines (lines 48-49 of column 3) and a method for controlling the deleterious effect and for improving the durability of an exhaust emissions after-treatment and control devices of at least one metal contaminant and compounds thereof in an exhaust stream from the combustion of a combustible fuel composition in a combustion system of said two-stroke engine, the method comprising the steps of:

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(a) intaking said fuel composition into a combustion system of a two-stroke engine, wherein the fuel composition comprises:

- i) combustible hydrocarbonaceous liquid fuel (lines 19-20 of column 6),
- ii) lubricant comprising an oil of lubricating viscosity (lines 14-15 of column 6),
- iii) a detergent comprising an alkaline earth metal-containing compound (calcium) (line 18 of column 6), and
- iv) a molybdenum source (lines 21-22 of column 6);

(b) combusting in the combustion system the hydrocarbonaceous fuel to produce combustion products comprising at least one material (organosulfur) selected from the group consisting of alkaline earth metal and compounds thereof (see lines 57-67 of column 7 and lines 33-38 of column 8);

(c) contacting the molybdenum with at least one of the alkaline earth metal, and compounds thereof, in the combustion products (see lines 45-47 of column 8), and

(d) flowing the combustion products over at least one of a catalyst (lines 45-47 of column 6), a sensor, and an on-board diagnostic device, or a combination of these;

wherein the molybdenum interacts with at least one of the alkaline earth metal or compounds thereof effective to increase detergency, as compared to conducting the same method without including the molybdenum source in the fuel composition, and without blocking at least one of the catalyst, sensor, and on-board diagnostic device (see lines 44-54 of column 6).

Re claims 9 and 20, in the method of Guinther et al., the fuel composition is a composition as disclosed, wherein the detergent comprises a detergent selected from the group

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consisting of neutral calcium sulphonate detergents and neutral calcium phenate detergents, or combinations and mixtures thereof.

Re claims 2, 3, and 10, in the fuel composition and method of Guinther et al., the detergent comprises a detergent selected from the group consisting of neutral calcium sulphonate detergents and neutral calcium phenate detergents, or combinations and mixtures thereof.

Re claim 4, in the fuel composition of Guinther et al., the molybdenum source is selected from the group consisting of molybdenum trioxide, molybdenum sulfonates, molybdenum phenates, molybdenum salicylates, molybdenum carboxylates, mono-nuclear and di-nuclear and tri-nuclear molybdenum dithiocarbamates, neutral and overbased molybdenum salicylates, overbased molybdenum phenates, overbased molybdenum sulfonates, ammonium molybdate, sodium molybdate and potassium molybdate, and molybdenum halides, compounds derived from molybdenum reacted with amines and alcohols, and combinations and mixtures thereof.

Re claim 5, in the fuel composition of Guinther et al., the molybdenum source comprises an organomolybdenum complex prepared by reacting fatty oil, diethanolamine, and a molybdenum source.

Re claim 6, in the fuel composition of Guinther et al., the liquid fuel is a diesel fuel.

Re claim 11, in the method of Guinther et al., the alkaline earth metal (calcium) and compounds thereof in the combustion products originate from the detergent contained in the fuel composition (see line 18 of column 6).

Re claims 12-13, in the method of Guinther et al., the combustion system further comprises flowing the combustion products through an after-treatment system (lines 44-51 of

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column 6), wherein the after-treatment system is selected from the group consisting of a catalyzed diesel particulate filter and a continuously regenerating technology diesel particulate filter.

Re claim 14, Guinther et al. further disclose an apparatus for performing the method of controlling the deleterious effect and for improving the durability of an exhaust emissions after-treatment and control device, the apparatus comprising:

(a) a two-stroke engine including a combustion chamber adapted to combust a fuel composition;

(b) a means (fuel injector) to introduce the fuel composition into the combustion chamber;

(c) means (compression stroke) to initiate combustion of the fuel composition in the combustion chamber;

(d) a means (exhaust pipe) to convey combustion products from the combustion chamber; and

(e) means (an after treatment system (lines 44-51 of column 6)) to reduce the amount of at least one pollutant from the combustion product.

Re claim 15, the apparatus of Guinther et al. comprises storage means (fuel tank) containing a fuel composition as claimed.

Re claim 16, in the apparatus of Guinther et al., the means (e) comprises an after treatment system selected from the group consisting of a diesel oxidation catalyst, a catalyzed diesel particulate matter filter, and a continuously regenerating technology diesel particulate filter (lines 44-51 of column 6).

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Re claim 17, in the apparatus of Guinther et al., the apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a motorcycle, a moped, a snow mobile, an all terrain vehicle, tractor, mining equipment, construction equipment, a marine outboard motor, a lawn mower, a chain saw, a pump, an electrical generator, a garden tiller, a landscaping hedge trimmer, and a back pack blower.

Re claim 18, in the apparatus of Guinther et al., the apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a gasoline engine and a diesel engine.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office Action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guinther et al. as applied to claim 1 above, in view of legal precedent.

The fuel composition of Guinther et al. discloses the invention as cited above, however, fails to disclose that the composition comprises about 95 to about 99 wt. % combustible hydrocarbonaceous liquid fuel, about 1 to about 5 wt. % lubricant comprising an oil of lubricating viscosity, about 0.001 to about 0.05 wt. % alkaline earth metal-containing compound, and about 1 ppm to about 10 ppm Mo from the molybdenum source.

Guinther et al. disclose the claimed invention except for specifying optimum ranges of a composition of their diesel fuel. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide specific optimum ranges of a composition of the diesel fuel, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to the references applied in the previous Office Action have been carefully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that Guinther et al. fail to disclose a detergent comprising an alkaline metal containing compound (page 8 of Applicant's Amendment), the examiner respectfully disagrees.

In order to constitute anticipatory prior art, a reference must identically disclose the claimed compound, but no utility need be disclosed by the reference. See *In re Schoenwald*, 964 F.2d 1122, 22 USPQ2d 1671 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this particular case, the application claimed compounds used in ophthalmic compositions to treat dry eye syndrome. The examiner found a printed publication which disclosed the claimed compound but did not disclose a use for the compound. The court found that the claim was anticipated since the compound and a process of making it was taught by the reference. The court explained that "no utility need be disclosed for a reference to be anticipatory of a claim to an old compound." 964 F.2d at 1124, 22 USPQ2d at 1673.

As indicated on line 18 of column 6, Guinther et al. disclose a diesel fuel containing an alkaline earth metal-containing compound (calcium). An alkaline earth metal compound such as calcium is known to react with at least one of sulfur and phosphorus during a combustion of the fuel in an internal combustion engine to form complex compounds in solid form, which are easier for removal from an exhaust gas stream. Because of this, the compound calcium in Guinther et al. fits the definition of a detergent as claimed in the pending application.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

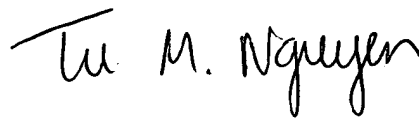
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Communication

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4862.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Thomas E. Denion, can be reached on (571) 272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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